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SUBJECT: KOREA IN 29TH UNGA: ISRAELI POSITION

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1. ISRAELI AMBASSADOR, DURING COURTESY CALL, RAISED WITH ME CONTINUED ISRAELI IRRITATION WITH FROSTY OFFICIAL ROK ATTITUDE TOWARD ISRAEL. WHILE NOT UNDER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS, HE STRESSED THAT HIS VIEWS REFLECTED ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTRY POSITION.

2. SEVERAL EXAMPLES OF OFFICIAL ROK ATTITUDE WERE CITED BY ISRAELI AMB:

A. FAILURE OF ROK AMBASSADOR TO ROME, WHO ACCREDITED TO ISRAEL, TO PRESENT CREDENTIALS;

B. SUDDEN WITHDRAWAL AT DIRECTION MOFA OF 12 ROK STUDENTS SLATED FOR TRAINING IN ISRAEL;

C. UNWILLINGNESS ROK GOVT TO PERMIT EXPLOITATION OF ISRAEL MARKET, DESPITE RECENT ROK FAILURE TO MAKE ANY SERIOUS HEADWAY IN SELLING ITS EXPORTS TO ARAB/
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3. ISRAELI AMBASSADOR SAID THAT ISRAEL PROBABLY WOULD VOTE FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION ON KOREA DESPITE ITS FRUSTRATION AND DESPITE ROK FAILURE TO MAKE ANY DIRECT APPROACH TO GOI FOR FAVORABLE VOTE. HE ASKED FOR OUR ASSISTANCE IN SECURING MORE EVEN-HANDED ROK TREATMENT OF ISRAEL AND ARAB STATES.

4. AT PRESENT JUNCTURE, WITH ROKS SCRAMBLING FOR ADDITIONAL ARAB VOTES ON FRIENDLY RESOLUTION, IT DOUBTFUL WHETHER APPROACH TO ROKS WOULD BE FRUITFUL. HOWEVER, WE INTEND TO RAISE THIS ISSUE ONCE AGAIN WITH ROKS AFTER UNGA DEBATE, STRESSING, AMONG OTHER POINTS, TRADE ADVANTAGES AT A TIME WHEN ROK EXPORTS DECLINING ELSEWHERE.
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